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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA BOMBS GOVERNMENT OFFICES LONDONDERRY

1. PROVISIONAL IRA CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THREE BOMBS EXPLODED IN LONDON DERRY JULY 9. BOMBS PLACED IN CROWN BUILDINGS HOUSING EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE BY GROUP COMPOSED THREE TO SIX ARMED MEN WHO HELD UP SECURITY OFFICER. BUILDING SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED BEFORE BOMBS EXPLODED OVER THIRTEEN MINUTE INTERVAL.

2. PROVISIONAL IRA STATEMENT CLAIMED BOMBING WAS RETALIATION FOR ARMY HARASSMENT OF AND BRUTALITY TO INDIVIDUALS LONDONDERRY AREA. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN DENIED CHARGES AND CLAIMED INDIVIDUAL INCIDENTS EACH EXPLAINED THROUGH INCIDENT CENTERS. BOMBING PRECEDED ARREST DAVID O'CONNELL IN DUBLIN.

3. ANY INCIDENT CREATED BY PROVISIONAL IRA COULD SIGNAL END CEASEFIRE. IN BELFAST TODAY CITY CENTER DISRUPTED BY BOMB THREATS. THERE ONE SCHOOL, PARTICULARLY ARMY, THAT BELIEVES PROVISIONALS WILL END CEASEFIRE BY STAGING CREEPING SERIES ESCALATING INCIDENTS IN ORDER JUSTIFY UNCLASSIFIED

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EACH NEW INCIDENT BY GOVERNMENT REACTION TO LAST. CHOICE

OF LONDONDERRY WHICH HAS HAD GENERAL DE FACTO CEASEFIRE
SINCE FEBRUARY 1974 DOES NOT SEEM FIT THIS THEORY. ARMY IN
VERY LOW PROFILE LONDONDERRY AND IT POSSIBLE PROVISIONALS
SELECTED SOFT TARGET JUST TO REMIND EVERYONE THEY STILL
AROUND.

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